REMARKS

This amendment responds to the office action mailed October 27, 2008. In the office action the Examiner:

- allowed claims 13, 15-18, 25, 27-30 and 41-48;
- objected to claims 3, 4, 15, 16, 28, 42 and 46 for containing informalities; and
- rejected claims 1, 3-6, and 37-40 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to nonstatutory subject matter.

After entry of this amendment, the pending claims are: claims 1, 3-6, 13, 15-18, 25, 27-30, and 37-48.

Changes to the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to add the terms "at a search engine" and "of the search engine." These amendments find support at least in Figures 1 and 4, and paragraphs [0023]-[0027] and [0038]-[0041] of the specification.

Claims 3, 4, 15, 16, 28, 42 and 46 have been amended in response to the Examiner's objections.

35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1, 3-6, 37-40

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the elements of Claim 1 are performed at a search engine. Since the elements of amended Claim 1 (and its dependents) are performed at a search engine (e.g., an apparatus), Claim 1 and its dependents are directed to statutory subject matter.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (650) 843-4000, if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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